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1698. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सी० आर० पी० एफ० के ड्राइवरों को 10 से 15 वर्ष के सेवा काल के पश्चात् भी पदोन्नति नहीं दी गई है, जबकि इस विभाग के अन्य कार्मिकों को पदोन्नति दे दी गयी है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार इन ड्राइवरों को निकट भविष्य में पदोन्नति देने का विचार रखती है या इस संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत और पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम) : (क) से (ग) केन्द्रीय रिजर्व पुलिस बल में जो कान्स्टेबल 1982 में नियुक्त किए गए थे उन्हें वर्ष 1987 के दौरान लैन्सनायक (ड्राइवर) के पद पर पहली पदोन्नति दी गई थी । पदोन्नति, उच्च पदों में रिक्तियों की उपलब्धता तथा योग्यता परीक्षाओं आदि में अर्हता प्राप्त करने पर दी जाती है ।

Tax collection

1699. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that tax collection in figures for the first five months (April—August) indicates a disconcerting trend, if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) if so, what are the details of the tax collection during the last three years during the same period;

(c) what are the reasons that Government try to compensate for the loss in revenue from direct taxes; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (d) The tax collection figures for the current financial year do not indicate a disconcerting trend. The collections from customs and excise duties during the first five months of the current financial year are higher by 15.38 per cent over the collections for the corresponding period last year. As regards the collections from direct taxes, the comparison of the tax collection figures for the first five months of the current year with the corresponding period of the previous years is misleading on account of a change in the law regarding payment of advance tax according to which no instalment of advance tax was payable in the first five months of the current year whereas one such instalment was payable in the corresponding five months period of the earlier years. The collection of income-tax and corporation tax for the first six months of the current financial year is higher than the tax collection figures for the corresponding six months period of last year by 8.2 per cent. Thus the outlook for tax collection for the current year is good.

Production of cheaper cloth

1700. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken to provide cheaper cloth to the poor;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to manufacture cheap and coarse cotton cloth for the poor;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the quantum of production of cheaper cloth and its mode of distribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) At present, while the mills under NTC are producing controlled cloth, the Handloom Sector is implementing Janata Cloth Scheme for providing cloth at affordable prices to the poorer sections of the population.

(d) During the year 1987-88, the NTC mills produced about 107 million sq. meters of controlled cloth while the Handloom Sector produced about 489 million sq. meters of Janata cloth. While the controlled cloth is distributed through retail outlets and authorised dealers of NTC and also through NCCF|State Cooperative Federations, Janata Cloth is distributed through the public Distribution System as well as state handloom and other agencies.

International Trade Fair, 1988

1701. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of the International Trade Fair, 1988;

(b) what are the names of the countries that are taking part in the Fair; and

(c) what steps are being taken to boost trade turn-over at the Fair from foreign buyers/organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) the scope of the fair covers industry, agriculture and science and technology. Two special themes being projected are "Two and Three wheelers" and "Homes & Shelters". A "Toy Mela' has been organised on the occasion of Pandit Nehru's birth centenary celebrations. A special display on "watches and clocks" manufactured in the country has also been arranged.

(b) A statement is attached. (See below).

(c) The period from November 15th to 18th was reserved exclusively for business visitors. Besides, the morning hours on other week days has been reserved for business visitors. Trade delegations from a number of countries have been invited to visit the fair under coordinated arrangements. Specialised seminars are being organised in order to provide for an exchange of ideas on technical matters. A separate Business Information Centre has been set up in Pragati Maidan to attend to business inquiries. Facilities and information for business negotiations are being provided during the business hours.

Statement

Names of the countries participating in India International Trade Fair, 1988 at National/Company level

1. Afghanistan
2. Bangladesh
3. Bhutan
4. Brazil
5. Bulgaria
6. Canada
7. China
8. Cuba
9. Cyprus
10. Czechoslovakia
11. Federal Republic of Germany
12. Finland
13. France
14. G.D.R.
15. Holland
16. Hong Kong
17. Hungary
18. Italy
19. Japan
20. Kampuchea